

THE HAMLET HERALD



'Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters'

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NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Many of you will have had the opportunity to meet Helen Bansback our new SENDCo and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her efforts since joining in September.



The SENDCo is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and it is Helen's job to ensure children with Educational Health and Care Plans receive the provision which allows them to make progress; to ensure that the 60 or so children who are on our SEN register – most commonly with dyslexia or autism – are able to flourish; and, importantly, that teachers are ensuring classrooms are SEN-Friendly environments: we know the strategies employed for specific needs are often beneficial for neuro-typical pupils.

When you consider the array of external practitioners who Helen co-ordinates, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and educational psychologists to name just a few, it is quite a job.

This week Helen supported children to deliver the first of our 'celebrating difference' assemblies – this time on hearing impairment.

She also attended our Local Governing Body meeting and presented a mid-term report on our SEND action plan. Governors were walked

through the first two actions on embedding adaptive teaching strategies in the classroom and enhancing the skills of our Learning Support Assistants in delivering effective support with pupils with SEND. Governors were also introduced to our new Sensory Space which is now open and in regular use by pupils in need of sensory regulation. See the picture on the left. It's great to see our community become more and more inclusive as we enhance our practice.

KEY DATES

Monday 10th February

Christ's Hospital Y5 Maths Challenge
Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review
Whole School Safer Internet Day Assembly

Tuesday 11th February

Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February

Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review

Thursday 13th February

PTA Valentine's Day Cake Sale (Village 3:25pm)
Y4 and Y6 Badminton Matches v Allyn's

Friday 14th February

Break for Half Term - 3:25pm collection

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Ruby Fire	Sapphire Air	Topaz Water	Garnet Earth
179	210	209	206

PTA UPDATE

Calling all Hamleteer parents!

Shake off those winter blues and get ready to get down.

A perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, old and new, meet other parents and PARTY 🎉

This is an **adults-only event** - no kids please!!

Book the sitter and join us for a grown-up disco with DJ S&K Orchestra playing all your favourite dance tracks from 80s, 90s and 00's. Ticket includes a welcome drink. Full bar running all evening.

Doors open at 7.30pm - until 2am

Dress code: Get your glam on!

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/1534032>

SUMMER FAIR - SAVE THE DATE

A request to all parents to put **Saturday 7th June** in your calendars, diaries and filo-faxes, when we will host our annual Summer fair. This keystone event is a fantastic community experience and we want as many of you as are able to join us.

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2026-27

Now that our consultation has closed, all responses received are being collated and presented to the Local Governing Body and Trustees before the February half-term 2025 for full consideration. A summary of responses and the final approved policy will be posted on the DHJS website by early March 2025 at the very latest. If approved, the changes will be introduced for September 2026 entry.

DHJS PTA presents

Tickets
£16

TIME TO DISCO

28.02.25

19:30 - late

DJ S&K Orchestra

BOOK THE SITTER AND DANCE THE
WINTER BLUES AWAY!

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ATTENDANCE FLOW CHART



1

99% – 100%

Excellent Approx. 0-4 days lost per school year

2

96% – 98%

Good Approx. 5-9 days lost per school year

3

95%

Satisfactory Approx. 10-13 days/2-3 weeks lost per school year

Your child's attendance is highlighted and monitored

4

90% to 94%

Unsatisfactory Approx. 14-18 days/3-4 weeks lost per school year

Parents will receive a letter via email and support offered

Absences monitored

5

90% and below

Persistent Absence More than 19 days or 38 sessions lost

Parents invited to attend a meeting with Head of School to discuss support and targets

Involvement from Local Authority Family Early Help Team

Routine medical and dental appointments will no longer be authorised until attendance improves

Although parents/carers have the legal responsibility for ensuring their child's good attendance, the Head teacher and Governors at our school work together with other professionals and agencies to ensure that all pupils are encouraged and supported to develop good attendance habits. The procedures shown are followed to ensure that this happens. Attendance is monitored weekly by the Admin staff and the Head of School.



ATTENDANCE MONITORING



**Call or email in
everyday for your
child's absence –
if ill, include
symptoms**


**Our register is
taken at 8:55am
– if your child
arrives after,
please make sure
to sign in**

**Exceptional
Term Time Leave
Requests must be
made before the
date of absence**

**All absences,
authorised or
unauthorised
contribute to your
child's overall
attendance**

**If attending an
appointment,
confirmation
will need to be
sent to the office
to authorise**

**If your child is
marked as absent
in the AM
register, you will
receive a text
from the office**



We understand that when children are seriously unwell, staying home is the right choice. Parents and carers can refer to **[The NHS guidance Is my child too ill for school?](#)** for help in making this decision.

At DHJS, we aim to minimise missed education. We believe our community thrives when all pupils are in school, on time, every day, building life skills, friendships, and preparing for future success.

Arty Party®

Calling all
5-11 year
olds!

February ½ term Workshops

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2025

9.00am – 3.00pm Daily

This half term we'll be heading into the woods! Creeping through the undergrowth, collecting mushrooms and berries, watching birds and badgers, and searching for gnomes and fairies! Join us as we make...

Magnificent Mushrooms, Gorgeous Gnomes, Fabulous Fox Plaques, Terrific Toadstool Houses, Beautiful Bluebells, Happy Hedgehogs, ... Ooooh and all the usual fun & games!

Your child will make a wonderful array of creations using high quality artist materials. We'll be taking inspiration from contemporary artists & favourite children's stories. We'll be learning how to make 3D sculptures, observational drawings, painting with different mediums and techniques such as printing, papier maché and casting. Arty Party will unleash your child's creative talents!

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Cost £50 per day

5% discount off full 5 day week
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Booking is for a minimum of 2 days

Please provide a 'nut free' packed lunch & an overall!

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020 8675 7055 john@artyparty.co.uk

WHERE TO FIND US...

Wimbledon: The Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road, SW19 4QD – 17th – 21st Feb

Balham: Endlesham Hall, 48 Endlesham Road, SW12 8JL – 17th – 21st Feb

Wandsworth: Romany Scout Hut, 22a Lyford Road, SW18 3LG – 17th – 21st Feb

Clapham: St Paul's Church Hall, Rectory Grove, SW4 ODX – 17th – 21st Feb

Blackheath: St Michael's Church Hall, 1 Pond Rd, SE3 9JL – 17th – 21st Feb

Dulwich: Dulwich Hamlet school, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AL – 17th – 21st Feb



Book Now!

Stepping Into Stories

Kids' Lit Fest

8th & 9th February

steppingintostories.org



Herne Hill's kids' literary festival returns! Celebrate poetry, stories, and performance with top names from the world of children's literature.

Saturday 8th Feb >>



Joseph Coelho
11.30AM
Station Hall



Yuval Zommer
1.00PM
Station Hall



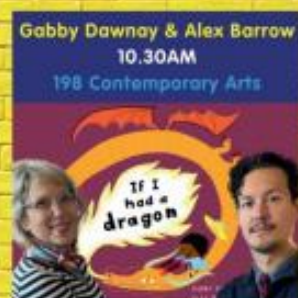
Ramzee
2.00PM
Station Hall



Robin Stevens
3.30PM
Station Hall



Sharon King-Chai
10.00AM
Station Hall



Gabby Dawney & Alex Barrow
10.30AM
198 Contemporary Arts

Sunday 9th Feb >>>>>>



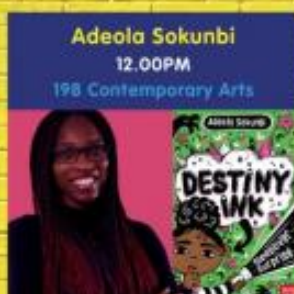
Mama G
10.00AM
Station Hall



Marcela Ferreira
10.30AM
198 Contemporary Arts



Jodie Lancel-Grant
11.30AM
Station Hall



Adeola Sokunbi
12.00PM
198 Contemporary Arts



**Comics Workshop
with Thiago & James**
1.30PM
Station Hall



**Comics Workshop
with Gary & Sam**
1.30PM
198 Contemporary Arts



**Comic Celebration
Gathering!**
2.30PM
Station Hall



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Touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Spring half term and Easter 2025

Monday 17 – Thursday 20 February 2025

Monday 7 – Thursday 10 April 2025

Monday 14 – Thursday 17 April 2025

Venues and times

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1

Dulwich College, London SE21

Course sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

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Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome.

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January 2025

Gipsy Hill Police Station
66 Central Hill, London
SE19 1DT

Dulwich Village

Your Ward Priorities

- * Reducing violent crime and theft
- * Reducing vehicle crime (theft from motor vehicles)
- * Violence Against Women & Girls

What we've been doing in January:

During January the team have been involved in Proactive Patrols across Crime and ASB hotspots across Southwark. Whilst on patrol, PC Baadjes responded to a call for assistance at a store where a repeat shoplifter had come to the store. PC Baadjes arrested the male for two cases of shoplifting and the suspect was charged to court.



Your Local Team

- * PS Mark Zissler-
07769436144
- * PC Noel Baadjes-
07769453450
- * PC Matt McGahan-
07826966769
- * PCSO Cristian Avram-
07769458290
- * PCSO Sandrah Bukenya –
07525659314



Following reports of vehicle theft across the ward, PCSO Avram and PCSO Bukenya have been conducting leaflet drops on roads with reported crime, providing crime prevention advice regarding Faraday bags and ensuring that no items are left on display in vehicles.

Alongside these leaflet drops, PCSO Avram and PCSO Bukenya have been conducting school patrols outside Dulwich Charter and JAGS whilst on duty. They have conducted school assemblies and also attended a careers fair at Charter North alongside our Engagement Team, taking along police uniform and providing insight on the various career opportunities within the Metropolitan Police.

Next Ward Panel

- * To be confirmed

PC Baadjes has been working on progressing casefiles for reported crimes within Dulwich Village alongside his proactive work. This includes the investigation into a dangerous dog where advice has been sought from our Status Dogs Unit. Close work with our colleagues in Lambeth Safer Neighbourhoods has identified a suspect and conditions have now been applied. PC McGahan has been working closely with our Intelligence Team to identify crime trends and allow further targeted patrols to bring offenders to justice within Dulwich Village Ward.

The team finished January with our first ward panel meeting of 2025, which had 180 responses to our questionnaire and 30 people in attendance to discuss issues within the ward.



Meet the team

Upcoming events:

Please keep an eye on our ward page via the Met Police Website for updated events!

CONTACT US

DulwichVillage@met.police.uk Twitter: @MPSDulwichVllge

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needed

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more

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- provide an opportunity for you and your baby to bond
- alleviate feelings of low mood and anxiety
- be a natural stress-reliever
- help build your confidence
- connect you with other mums in your community

10 weekly sessions throughout spring 2025:

Tue 28 January – Tue 1 April 2025

11.45am to 12.45pm or 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Rye Oak Children and Family Centre,
Whorlton Road, Peckham, SE15 3PD

Thu 30 January – Thu 3 April 2025

12pm to 1pm or 1.45pm to 2.45pm

Ellen Brown Children and Family Centre,
145 Grange Road, Spa Park, SE1 3EU

Fri 31 January – Fri 4 April 2025

10.30am to 11.30am or 12.15pm to 1.15pm

Dulwich Wood Children's Centre,
Lyll Avenue, London SE21 8QS

Click here to register.

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